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For : **EXPANDABLE BEAD MOLDING RING FOR A TIRE MOLD**  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97**

Sir:

The following information is disclosed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97.

The following patents, which are listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 and submitted herewith in copy, are considered relevant prior art.

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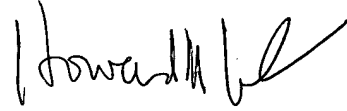
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**CO-PENDING U.S. APPLICATIONS**

Docket No. DN2002-014USA filed on even date herewith entitled **RADIALLY EXPANDABLE BEAD MOLDING RING FOR A TIRE MOLD** Inventors: Girard et al.

Due consideration and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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